

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3582**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3582 amends Article 13, Chapter 53, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to lead poisoning prevention. In addition to updating the language so that it conforms to current standards, the Bill clarifies that this Article applies to children under the age of 6 years. The Bill authorizes, rather than requires, the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to establish an educational program and an early diagnosis program. The Bill also requires laboratories to notify DHEC of the results of any blood lead analyses they perform on children under age 6, and requires DHEC to obtain a warrant prior to conducting a lead-based hazard investigation in any dwelling. The Bill also specifies penalties for violations.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control and the Judicial Department indicate that there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and /or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses indicate enactment would have no impact on expenditures.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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